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Goddard tackles internet crimes at forum targeted for kids, adults and families

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Who: Attorney General Terry Goddard, Attorney Gail Thackeray,
What: Present an Internet Safety Program
Where: Burton Barr Central Library
When: **Saturday, February 7**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (General registration and media availability with AG Goddard at 12:30 p.m.)

Attorney General Goddard is focused on protecting children from internet predators and all Arizonans from scam artists who operate on the internet.

In the past five years, the Phoenix Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force has conducted 680 investigations involving internet sexual predators.

One out of every five children between the ages of 10 and 17 has received a sexual solicitation over the internet in one year!

One in four children between the ages of 10 and 17 had an unwanted exposure to pornography in the last year!

This forum will draw on information from NetSmartz and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Hands-on activities will be available for teens and younger children during the forum. The Forum is free and the public and media are encouraged to attend.

For additional information on the topic, visit the Arizona Attorney General's Kids Page at www.ag.state.az.us.